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Crop Weather Agricultural Prices Received

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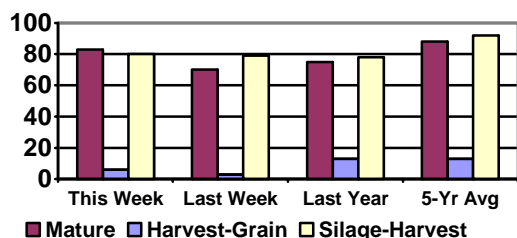
CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

NEW MEXICO: There were 6.5 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 7% very short, 35% short and 52% adequate and 6% surplus. Wind damage was 6% light and 1% moderate. Hail damage was 2% light, 3% moderate and 2% severe. Farmers were busy planting, irrigating and harvesting crops. Alfalfa was mostly good to excellent with 95% of the fifth cutting complete, 53% of the sixth cutting complete and 9% of the seventh cutting complete. Cotton condition ranged uniformly from poor to excellent with 77% bolls opening. Corn was reported as fair to excellent. The crop was 83% mature with 6% of the corn for grain harvested and 80% of the corn for silage harvested. Irrigated sorghum was mostly good with 50% mature and 5% harvested for grain. Dry sorghum was reported as mostly poor to fair with 3% mature and little or none harvested. Total sorghum was reported as mostly fair to good with 22% mature. Total winter wheat was reported 91% planted and 50% emerged. Chile was reported as mostly fair to good, with green chile 90% harvested and red chile 23% harvested. Pecans were reported as good to excellent. Peanuts were reported as fair to good with 12% harvested. Both cattle and sheep conditions were reported as mostly good to excellent. Range and pasture conditions were reported as 8% very poor, 15% poor, 31% fair, 36% good and 10% excellent. Ranchers spent the week marketing cattle.

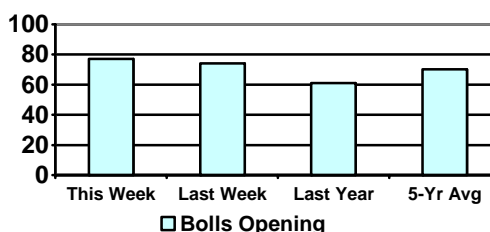
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
APPLES	Harvest	63	38	74	69
CHILE (Green)	Harvest	90	82	94	91
CHILE (Red)	Harvest	23	16	29	15
CORN	Mature	83	70	75	88
CORN	Harvest-Grain	6	3	13	13
CORN SILAGE	Harvest	80	79	78	92
COTTON	Bolls Opening	77	74	61	70
PEANUTS	Harvest	12	10	16	9
SORGHUM (Total)	Mature	22	8	12	13
WHEAT	Planted	91	74	95	90
WHEAT	Emerged	50	8	76	69

Corn Progress



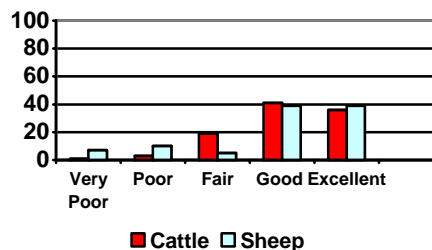
Cotton Progress



CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

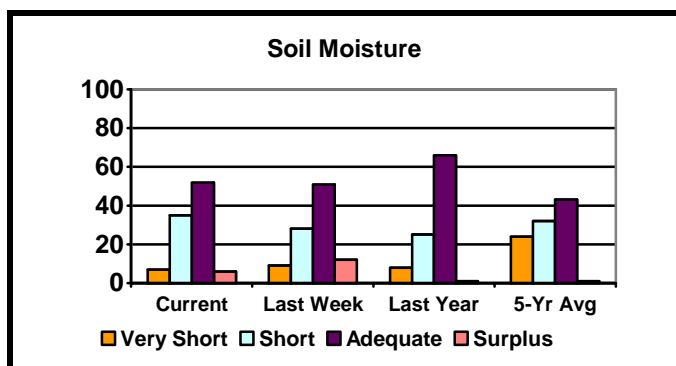
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	2	16	57	25
Apples	5	10	80	5	---
Chile	2	6	47	32	13
Cotton	---	18	27	27	28
Corn	---	---	3	54	43
Lettuce	---	---	10	35	55
Pecans	1	---	21	31	47
Peanuts	---	10	35	55	---
Sorghum (All)	---	24	25	48	3
Cattle	1	3	19	41	36
Sheep	7	10	5	39	39
Range/Pasture	8	15	31	36	10

Livestock Conditions



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	14	60	26	---
Northeast	11	42	46	1
Southwest	---	20	80	---
Southeast	1	17	60	22
State Current	7	35	52	6
State-Last Week	9	28	51	12
State-Last Year	8	25	66	1
State-5-Yr Avg.	24	32	43	1



WEATHER SUMMARY

A trough moved through the state late this week and was responsible for most of the precipitation across the region. The largest value recorded was in Carlsbad where 2.07 inches of precipitation was measured. This system did spawn some severe thunderstorms which explains the high variability in precipitation recorded from station to station. Low temperatures continue to drop below the freeze point of 32 degrees showing that fall is on its way to the land of enchantment.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - SEPTEMBER 24 - 30, 2007

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	09/24 09/30	09/01 09/30	01/01 09/30	Normal Sep	Normal Jan-Sep
Farmington	57.5	79	33	0.21	0.74	7.04	0.97	6.33
Gallup	54.9	79	28	0.06	0.33	10.32	1.31	9.67
Capulin	57.4	75	30	1.91	3.10	18.60	2.22	15.30
Chama	49.5	71	25	0.69	4.08	20.60	2.23	16.13
Johnson Ranch	54.9	77	29	0.12	0.67	8.23	1.33	9.05
Las Vegas	58.9	78	37	0.02	3.36	15.70	2.40	16.27
Los Alamos	55.6	71	39	1.27	4.75	16.25	2.12	15.30
Raton	60.3	81	35	0.27	0.95	11.55	1.61	14.64
Red River	48.2	68	26	0.87	3.63	24.91	1.66	16.69
Santa Fe	62.0	81	42	0.01	1.82	11.15	1.51	11.54
Clayton	65.6	84	47	0.22	1.51	12.50	1.77	13.38
Clovis	69.9	86	48	0.55	1.75	15.66	2.16	14.90
Roy	62.1	81	43	1.05	1.80	12.75	1.90	13.74
Tucumcari	70.1	90	47	0.08	0.54	10.57	1.47	12.45
Grants	58.6	81	32	0.00	1.00	8.02	1.56	8.51
Quemado	55.6	82	26	0.00	2.19	7.97	1.73	11.41
Albuquerque	67.9	82	52	0.00	0.24	8.16	1.00	7.06
Carrizozo	68.1	82	52	0.00	1.44	9.26	1.88	10.12
Socorro	65.5	84	43	0.00	1.57	10.09	1.53	7.37
Gran Quivira	62.9	82	42	0.02	0.29	12.94	1.95	12.74
Moriarty	59.6	80	37	0.11	1.73	8.81	1.61	10.67
Ruidoso	58.7	77	36	0.82	2.90	20.47	2.50	17.53
Carlsbad	73.8	89	60	2.53	3.87	16.28	2.75	10.74
Roswell	70.1	87	52	0.44	2.74	13.89	1.87	10.64
Tatum	69.9	87	52	0.28	2.87	22.70	2.36	13.53
Alamogordo	73.2	90	53	0.03	0.09	6.58	1.99	9.91
Animas	72.7	90	52	0.03	0.83	9.12	1.68	8.76
Deming	72.0	91	50	0.00	1.16	6.32	1.63	8.11
Las Cruces	74.1	92	56	0.01	1.15	9.25	1.36	7.28
T or C	70.9	86	54	0.00	1.33	7.64	1.08	7.67

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction

All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES RECEIVED

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa hay prices for September remained steady from August at \$160.00 per ton. Alfalfa prices one year ago were \$177.00 per ton. All hay prices also remained unchanged \$157.00 per ton compared to \$175.00 a year earlier. Cow prices dropped by \$2.00 from the previous month to \$52.00 per hundredweight. Steer and heifer prices increased by \$6.00 from the previous month to \$107.00 per hundredweight, which is above the national average of \$98.10 per hundredweight. Calf prices also increased slightly to \$127.00 in September up from the August price of \$126.00 per hundredweight. Prices one year ago were \$131.00 per hundredweight. The national average for September was \$128.00 per hundredweight. Milk prices for September increased by 50 cents to \$22.00 per hundredweight, compared to the national average of \$21.80 per hundredweight.

Prices Received by Farmers: Selected Commodities, August 2007 and September 2006- 2007

Commodity	Unit	New Mexico			U.S. ^{1/}
		Sept. 2006 ^{2/}	Aug. 2007 ^{2/}	Sept. 2007 ^{1/}	Sept.
		-----Dollars-----			
CROPS					
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	—	—	—	6.02
Cotton, Upland	Lb.	—	—	—	.522
Potatoes	Cwt.	—	—	—	6.47
Hay, all baled	Ton	175.00	157.00	157.00	132.00
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	177.00	160.00	160.00	135.00
Peanuts	Lb.	—	—	—	.193
Corn	Bu.	—	—	—	3.19
Wheat, all	Bu.	—	—	—	7.16
LIVESTOCK					
Sheep ^{3/}	Cwt.	—	—	—	27.80
Lambs ^{3/}	Cwt.	—	—	—	98.60
Cows	Cwt.	43.30	54.00	52.00	50.30
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	113.00	101.00	107.00	98.10
Calves	Cwt.	131.00	126.00	127.00	128.00
Milk	Cwt.	12.60	21.50	22.00	21.80

^{1/} Mid-month ^{2/} Entire month ^{3/} July - entire month

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